## GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWING A CORE READING PROGRAM RUBRIC

## **Literacy By Design Grade 5**

## **Final Review**

## Directions for use:

- Thoroughly review the core reading program using the corresponding rubric.
- Only evaluate the individual components that correlate with the grade level to review. (Note the placement of the "x" within the grade level columns.)
- Each indicator must receive a score using the following criteria:
  - 2 Exceeds expectations
  - 1 Meets expectations
  - 0 Does not meet expectations

(For any indicator receiving a 0, comments must be provided justifying the score.)

Record the total score for each area in the final row for the section.



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IN	STRUCTIONAL DESIGN (ID)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is there empirical research on this program's efficacy?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	2	
2.	Are resources available to help the teacher understand the rationale for the instructional approach and program strategies (e.g., articles, explanations in the teacher manuals, references, and reliable websites)?	х	х	х	X	X	х	х	2	The authors give plenty of additional resources to locate rationals.
3.	Does the comprehensive program address the five components of reading (phonological/phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension)?	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х	2	
4.	In addition to the five components of reading, are other dimensions of reading such as spelling, writing, oral language, and listening comprehension addressed?	х	х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	2	
5.	Is there a scope and sequence?	χ	х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	2	Yes. It is developmentally appropriate and Core Standard based.
6.	Are goals and objectives clearly stated?	χ	X	Х	X	X	Х	Х	1	
7.	Are student materials aligned with instructional objective of the lesson?	х	Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	2	
8.	Do instructional materials increase in difficulty as students' skills strengthen?	х	Х	Х	X	X	х	х	2	
9.	Are all lessons and activities (e.g., whole group, small group, and centers) reading-related?	х	х	х	Х	Х	х	х	2	
10.	Is there a clear and logical organization to the lessons in:									
	The order and procedures of each day's lesson?	Χ	Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	2	
	The inclusion of all necessary materials?	Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	1	
	The consistency of each day's lesson format?	χ	X	Х	X	X	Х	Х	2	
	Addressing the components of reading every day?	Χ	X	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	2	
11.	Is instruction consistently explicit? Is it concise, specific, and related to the objective?	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	2	
12.	Are teacher directives highly details to ensure accurate implementation?	Х	х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	2	
13.	Does the lesson format facilitate frequent	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	2	

	interactions between teacher and students?									
14.	Is instruction consistently systematic? Is there a prescribed order for introducing specific skills within each component of reading?	Х	х	Х	X	Х	х	х	1	
15.	Are there coordinated instructional sequences and instructional routines which include:									
	Modeling?	Х	Х	X	X	X	X	Х	2	
	Guided practice with feedback?	Х	Х	X	X	X	X	Х	1	
	Student practice and application?	х	Х	X	X	X	Х	Х	1	
	Cumulative review?	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
16.	Are there many guided practice opportunities for explicit teaching and teacher-directed feedback (for typically progressing readers and more for struggling readers)?	х	Х	X	X	X	X	Х	2	
17.	Does the program provide clear guidance for the teacher to document student progress and inform instruction?	х	Х	X	X	X	X	Х	1	
18.	Does instruction make a clear connection among all five components?	X	x	X	X	X	x	x	2	
19.	Is scaffolding a prominent part of the lessons?	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	2	
20.	Are instructions for scaffolding specific within each lesson?	Х	х	Х	X	X	х	х	1	
21.	Are teachers encouraged to give immediate, specific feedback (corrective or positive)?	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1	Publisher's Comment: Instruction in Literacy by Design encourages teachers to provide feedback during whole class, small group, and one-on-one conferencing.  As part of the gradual release model, teachers model strategies during Think Aloud and guide students to apply strategies during Think Along and Think Together.
22.	Is differentiated instruction prominent?	Х	Х	X	X	X	X	Х	2	
23.	Is instruction differentiated based on assessment?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	We should not have to pay for this option. It is only available at an

										additional cost.
24. Are directions to specific?	or differentiating instruction	X	х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	2	Extremely specific! That is the beauty of it! An instructional assistant, substitute, or volunteer could teach a group! Beautiful!
25. Is small-group ratio) part of da	instruction (small teacher-pupil illy instruction?	X	х	X	X	X	X	X	2	
26. Are there guide based on stude	elines for forming flexible groups ent progress?	X	х	X	X	X	X	X	1	
27. Are enrichmen students?	t activities included for advanced	X	х	X	X	X	X	X	1	
28. Does the progr Learners?	am provide instruction for English	X	х	X	X	X	X	X	2	
appropriate (e. level, students	am specify for whom it is g., students on or above grade slightly behind their peers, students grade level behind their peers)?	х	х	х	X	X	Х	Х	1	
instruction for a special educati	am specify who should provide accurate implementation (e.g., on teacher, general education rofessional, or volunteer)?	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х	1	Publisher's Comment: Literacy by Design provides examples of general education teachers implementing instruction.
	am specify the instructional setting ducation classroom, computer lab, om)?	Х	х	Х	X	X	х	х	1	Publisher's Comment: Literacy by Design instruction includes whole class and small group lessons for a general education classroom.
	TOTAL								59	

PHONICS (P)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1. Is phonics instruction <b>explicit</b> ?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	Weak
2. Is phonics instruction systematic?	х	х	х	х	x	х	х	1	Publisher's Comment: Phonics instruction in Literacy by Design follows a systematic scope based on developmental phonics instruction.
Does phonics instruction include coordinated instructional sequences and routines?	х	x	x	x	x	x	x	1	Themes have 1 week of phonics, then a week of grammar and the two are rotated.  Publisher's Comment: LBD phonics instruction is integrated throughout whole group lessons in the phonics, word study, and writing strands.

4.	Is phonics instruction <b>scaffolded</b> ?	X	х	х	Х	х	х	Х	1	
5.	Does phonics instruction include cumulative review?	x	X	X	x	X	Х	x	1	Phonics is a very important component that is missing in this text. A cumulative review is a must.  Publisher's Comment: Literacy by Design phonics instruction follows the research of Dr. Michael Opitz with the goal of stimulating language learning. Phonics review is provided explicitly at the beginning of grade 5 and is embedded during the remainder of the year so students can focus on reading automaticity and wordattack skills.
6.	Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in phonics?	X	Х	Х	X	X	X	X	1	Little or no evidence to determine progress.
7.	Are symbol to sound (decoding) and sound to symbol (spelling) taught explicitly?	X	Х	Х	X	X	X	X	1	This is a program weakness.
8.	Is spelling taught during word learning so students can understand how sounds map onto print?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
9.	Does instruction progress from simple to more complex concepts (e.g., CVC words before CCCVCC words and single syllable words before multisyllabic words)?	X	X	х	X	X	X	X	1	Little evidence on multi syllabic words.
10.	Are reviews of previously taught concepts and words frequent and cumulative?	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	X	1	
11.	Is emphasis placed on fluency practice for each phonics component (e.g., sound identification, CVC blending, word recognition, multisyllabic words, and text reading)?	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	1	
12.	Are students taught the strategy of chunking when trying to decode multisyllabic words?		X	X	X	X	X	X	0	Not evident.
13.	Does the program provide teacher modeling of a think-aloud strategy to aid in multisyllabic word analysis?		Х	Х	х	X	Х	х	0	Not evident.
14.	Are students taught strategies to read multisyllabic words by using prefixes, suffixes, and known word parts?		X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
15.	Is instruction explicit in the use of syllable types (e.g., open, closed, vowel-consonant-e, vowel combinations, r-controlled, and consonant-le)?		Х	Х	X	X	X	X	0	Not evident.
16.	Is a section of the program devoted to advance phonics (structural analysis) skills?			X	X	X	X	X	0	Not evident.

Are advanced phonics skills taught explicitly, first in isolation and then in words and connected texts?		х	х	х	х	х	0	Some evidence. <u>Publisher's Comment</u> : Utilizing the gradual release model, Literacy by Design provides word study activities in isolation and then gives students the opportunity to apply skills in connected texts.
18. Does the program include spelling strategies (e.g., word sorts, categorization activities, word-building activities, and word analogies)?	X	χ	х	х	χ	Х	1	
19. Is instruction in the meaning of roots and affixes explicit and do students analyze the relationship of spelling to meaning of complex words?			х	х	Х	х	1	
20. Are word parts that occur with high frequency (e.g., un-, re-, in-, and –ful) taught rather than those that occur only in a few words?	X	Х	х	х	X	х	1	
21. Are there activities for distinguishing and interpreting words with multiple meanings?	X	Х	х	х	χ	х	1	It is found in EL, but needs to be carried out for all students to receive a 2.
Once advanced phonics strategies have been mastered, are they immediately applied to reading and interpreting familiar and unfamiliar connected texts?	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	<u>Publisher's Comment</u> : Student sourcebooks contain words used in advanced phonics.
23. Are words used in advanced phonics activities also found in student texts?	X	Х	х	Х	X	х	1	Publisher's Comment: Student sourcebooks contain words used in advanced phonics.
TOTAL							18	

FL	UENCY (F)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is fluency instruction explicit?	Χ	X	X	Х	Χ	X	X	1	
2.	Is fluency instruction systematic?	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Χ	X	Х	1	
3.	Does fluency instruction include coordinated instructional sequences and routines?	χ	X	X	Х	X	X	X	1	The assessment seems to be routine, but not the instruction.
4.	Is fluency instruction scaffolded?	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Χ	X	Х	1	
5.	Does fluency instruction include cumulative review?	X	X	X	Х	χ	X	Х	1	
6.	Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in fluency?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	2	
7.	Does the program address all dimensions of fluency (speed, accuracy, and prosody)?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	1	

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Does the program encourage the teacher to model speed, accuracy, and prosody?	Х	х	Х	х	Х	х	х	1	
Does fluency practice during letter-sound study and text reading involve the teacher's providing feedback to students?	х	Х	х	х	х	х	Х	1	
Is fluency instruction integrated into each day's lesson?	х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	1	Only one day every other week has fluency instruction. The rest has modeled or Interactive Reading.
Is the decoding strategy taught so that it becomes automatic?	X	X	Х	Х	X	Х	X	0	Not evident.
Are irregular words taught to be recognized automatically?	X	х	х	Х	X	Х	х	1	
Is there an emphasis on reading multisyllabic words fluently?		х	х	Х	х	Х	х	0	No focus found on multisyllabic words.
Are research-based fluency strategies (e.g., timed readings, peer reading, and repeated readings) included?		Х	х	Х	х	х	Х	2	
Is fluency practice introduced after students are proficient at reading words accurately (e.g., in lists, sentences, and passages)?		х	х	х	х	х	х	0	Publisher's Comment: Literacy by Design introduces students to words and then allows them to practice fluent reading.
Does fluency practice involve decodable texts (texts that include phonic elements and word types students have previously been taught)?		Х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
Are both narrative and expository texts provided for students to read aloud?		х	х	Х	Х	х	х	2	
Are teacher prompts included to encourage students to read aloud in order to determine skills application and accuracy?		Х	х	Х	х	х	Х	1	
After error correction, are students asked to reread the word, word list, or sentence correctly and then to reread it from the beginning?	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х	0	Publisher's Comment: Literacy by Design provides fluency practice but does not encourage interrupting reading for error correction.
Are students given ample practice opportunities to use text at their independent or instructional level to help build fluency?		х	х	х	х	х	х	2	
Is the number of texts at each level sufficient to provide adequate practice opportunities?		х	Х	Х	Х	х	х	2	
Does the program clearly show the teacher how to determine independent, instructional, and frustrational reading levels for individual students?		Х	Х	х	х	Х	Х	1	
Is there a guide to help teachers calculate fluency rate?		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
Do students have opportunities to time themselves and graph results after rereading the same text?			х	Х	Х	х	х	1	
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25.	Are there directions for how to pair students for partner reading?	Х	X	Х	X	Х	X	1	
26.	Are students taught a specific error correction to use when reading with a partner?	х	X	X	x	х	X	0	Not evident. <u>Publisher's Comment:</u> <u>Comprehensive Teacher's Guide</u> <u>pg T67:</u> The Professional  Handbook provides partner work instruction for teachers.
27.	Is there continuous progress monitoring of oral reading fluency?	х	X	Х	X	х	X	1	
28.	Is an end-of-the-year fluency goal of correct words per minute given for each grade?	х	Х	Х	X	х	Х	1	
	TOTAL							28	

VC	CABULARY (V)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is vocabulary instruction explicit?	х	X	X	X	Х	X	X	2	
2.	Is vocabulary instruction systematic?	Х	X	Х	X	Х	X	X	2	
3.	Does vocabulary instruction include coordinated instructional sequences and routines?	Х	х	х	Х	Х	х	х	2	
4.	Is vocabulary instruction scaffolded?	Х	X	Х	X	Х	X	X	1	
5.	Does vocabulary instruction include cumulative review?	Х	х	х	Х	Х	х	х	1	
6.	Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in vocabulary?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
7.	Is emphasis placed on listening and speaking vocabulary?	Х	х	х	Х	Х	х	х	1	
8.	Is there emphasis on reading and writing vocabulary?	Х	х	х	Х	Х	х	х	1	
9.	Are students exposed to diverse vocabulary through listening to or reading narrative and expository texts?	Х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
10.	Does the program include frequent use of teacher read-alouds using higher level books with explanation and instruction of key vocabulary?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	2	
11.	Does the program include a variety of texts that allow students ample opportunities to engage in wide reading at their independent levels?		х	Х	х	х	х	Х	2	

12. Does vocabulary instruction occur before, during, and after reading?  13. Are a limited number of words selected for robust, explicit vocabulary instruction?  14. Are important, useful, and difficult words taught?  15. Does the instructional routine for vocabulary induction?  15. Does the instructional routine for vocabulary induction?  16. Does the instructional routine for vocabulary induction?  17. Presenting a student-friendly explanation?  18. Is everyday language to explain word word meanings?  19. Are students given multiple opportunities to use new words in reading sentences, paragraphs, or longer texts?  19. Are students given multiple opportunities to use new words in reading sentences, paragraphs, or longer texts?  19. Are students given multiple opportunities to use new words in reading sentences, paragraphs, or longer texts?  19. Are students given multiple opportunities to use new words in reading sentences, paragraphs, or longer texts?  19. Are students given multiple opportunities to use new words in reading sentences, paragraphs, or longer texts?  20. Are warning and correct application?  21. Is a strategy to determine word meanings based on meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes taught to wer time to ensure understanding and correct application?  22. Are various asspects of word study included (either											
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Introducing the word?    X	14.	Are important, useful, and difficult words taught?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
Presenting a student-friendly explanation?	15.										
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Contexts?  X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	16.										
The meanings?  Connect word meanings to prior knowledge?  X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X			Х	х	х	х	Х	х	х	1	introduced during Whole Class Instruction; vocabulary and word study occurs every day in step 1 of the daily lesson. Turn and Talk opportunities allow students to
17. Are students given multiple opportunities to use new words in reading sentences, paragraphs, or longer texts?  18. Is extended instruction provided in multiple contexts to promote word awareness using word banks, vocabulary logs, writing, semantic maps, concept definition mapping, and word classification?  19. Are strategies taught over time to ensure understanding and correct application?  20. Are meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes taught?  17. Are students given multiple opportunities to use new words in reading sentences, paragraphs, or longer texts?  28. X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X			Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х	1	
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understanding and correct application?  20. Are meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes taught before connecting them to words?  21. Is a strategy to determine word meanings based on meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes taught?  22. X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	18.	contexts to promote word awareness using word banks, vocabulary logs, writing, semantic maps, concept definition mapping, and word	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
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on meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes taught?	20.			х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	1	
22. Are various aspects of word study included (either	21.	on meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes		Х	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	1	
	22.	Are various aspects of word study included (either									

	under vocabulary or word recognition) such as:									
	Concepts of word meaning?	х	х	х	х	Х	х	х	1	
	Multiple meanings?	Х	Х	Х	χ	Х	Х	Х	1	
	Synonyms?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
	Antonyms?	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
	Homonyms?		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
	Figurative meanings?		х	х	х	Х	х	Х	1	
	Morphemic analysis?			Х	Х	χ	Х	Х	1	
	Etymologies?				х	X	х	Х	0	Not evident
23.	Is dictionary use explicitly taught using grade- appropriate dictionaries?		х	х	х	х	х	х	1	Publisher's Comments: Dictionary use is not explicitly taught. A glossary in each Sourcebook provides a labeled sample entry instructing students on the parts of a dictionary. Theme centers provide additional opportunities for students to utilize dictionaries.
24.	Is the use of context to gain the meaning of an unfamiliar word kept to a minimum?	Х	х	х	х	χ	х	х	1	
25.	Is computer technology used to help teach vocabulary?	х	х	X	х	Х	х	Х	0	Used for assessments, but not to help teach.
	TOTAL								42	

C	OMPREHENSION (C)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is comprehension instruction explicit?	X	Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х	2	
2.	Is comprehension instruction systematic?	Х	х	х	х	Х	Х	х	2	
3.	Does comprehension instruction include coordinated instructional sequences and routines?	Х	Х	х	Х	X	Х	х	2	
4.	Is comprehension instruction scaffolded?	Х	Х	Х	χ	Χ	Х	Х	2	

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5.	Does comprehension instruction include cumulative review?	х	х	х	X	х	X	х	2	
6.	Are assessments included to measure and monitor progress in comprehension?	Х	х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	2	
7.	Is learning to determine which strategy to use and why (metacognition) part of instruction?	χ	х	Х	X	X	X	х	1	
8.	When a strategy is taught, is it applied frequently so students understand its usefulness?	Х	Х	Х	X	X	X	Х	1	
9.	Are students asked to apply previously learned strategies to new texts?		х	Х	X	Х	Х	х	1	
10.	Is appropriate text provided for students to practice applying strategies?		X	Х	X	Х	X	х	1	
11.	Does program instruction enable students to establish and adjust purposes for reading (e.g., reading to understand, interpret, inform, to enjoy, and to solve problems)?	Х	х	Х	X	X	X	Х	2	
12.	Does instruction support the use of multiple, coordinated comprehension strategies?	Х	Х	Х	X	X	X	х	2	
13.	Are guided and supported cooperative learning groups suggested as an instructional technique?	Х	х	Х	X	Х	Х	х	2	
14.	Does instruction begin with the use of short passages?	Х	Х	Х	χ	X	Х	Х	1	
15.	Does instruction emphasize that students have a conceptual understanding of beginning, middle, and end?	х	х	х	х	х	X	х	1	
16.	Does the program provide prompts for the teacher to guide the students through texts using thinkalouds?	Х	Х	χ	X	x	X	Х	2	
17.	Are models of effective questioning techniques (e.g., Bloom's taxonomy) provided to guide and monitor students' comprehension?	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	X	Х	2	
18.	Are there ample opportunities for students to listen to narrative and expository text?	Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х	х	2	
19.	Is instruction in narrative and expository text structures explicit?	Х	х	Х	Х	х	X	х	2	
20.	Are there ample opportunities for students to read narrative and expository texts at independent and instructional levels?		Х	Х	х	Х	х	Х	2	
21.	Is there a variety of narrative and expository books at the appropriate readability level for student practice?		Х	Х	х	X	х	Х	2	
22.	Do texts contain useful and familiar concepts and vocabulary?	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	1	

23.	Are there instructional routines for comprehension strategies for use before, during, and after reading (e.g., prediction, story grammar, summarization, graphic organizers)?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	2	
24.	Is the "main idea" strategy taught systematically (e.g., using pictures, then individual sentences, then paragraphs, etc.)?	х	Х	Х	х	х	х	Х	1	Evident, but weak.
25.	Once students have grasped the concept of "main idea," are more complex texts used in which the main idea is not explicit?		Х	Х	х	х	Х	Х	1	
26.	Are elements of story grammar (e.g., setting, characters, important events, etc.) taught and used for retelling a story?	Х	Х	Х	х	х	X	X	1	
27.	Does instruction focus on discussion story grammar and comparing stories?	Х	х	х	Х	Х	X	х	1	
28.	Is story grammar introduced systematically, beginning with simple text that gradually becomes more complex?	х	х	х	х	х	X	х	1	
29.	Are students taught to use graphic organizers to illustrate relationships among concepts in text (e.g., story maps, Venn diagrams, and semantic maps)?	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	2	
30.	Are conventions of expository text (e.g., chapter headings, charts, and graphs) taught?		х	х	Х	х	Х	х	1	
31.	Are explicit strategies for interpreting information from charts, graphs, tables, and diagrams taught?	Х	х	х	Х	Х	Х	х	1	
32.	After instruction, is there systematic review of:									
	Literal comprehension?	Х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	1	
	Retelling?	χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	χ	Х	1	
	Main idea?	χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	χ	Х	1	
	Summarization?	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	χ	Х	1	
33.	Does the program provide instruction for students to become self-directed in using comprehension strategies (e.g., rereading, paraphrasing, making explicit connections from text to prior knowledge, underlining and note-taking, and visualizing relationships and events in the text)?		х	х	х	Х	X	х	1	
	TOTAL								53	

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
Is clear alignment provided to the Common Core State Standards?	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	1	
Is clear alignment provided to the Indiana Academic Standards?			Х	х	Х	Х	Х	1	
TOTAL								2	

MOTIVATIO ENGAGEME		K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
Does the program di student motivation si	rect the teacher in ways to increase uch as:									
Making reading	relevant to students' lives?	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
2. Providing mean	ingful goals for learning from texts?	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	1	
	e a variety of choices (e.g., texts ts) that align with instruction?	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	X	1	
4. Providing oppor collaboratively?	tunities for students to work	Х	х	Х	Х	х	Х	х	2	
	TOTAL					•			5	

AS	SSESSMENT (A)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Are assessments included that teachers can use to guide student movement through the program (e.g., screening, progress monitoring, diagnostic, and outcome measures)?	x	Х	х	х	х	х	Х	2	
2.	Does the program provide teacher guidance in using assessment results to differentiate instruction?	х	Х	Х	х	х	х	х	1	
3.	Do the assessments identify students who are at risk or already experiencing difficulty learning to read?	Х	Х	Х	х	х	х	х	2	
	TOTAL				-	•	-		5	

	ROFESSIONAL EVELOPMENT (PD)	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Comments (examples, strengths, concerns, questions)
1.	Is adequate time offered for teachers to learn new concepts and practice what they have learned?	Х	Х	Х	х	х	х	Х	1	
2.	Is there a plan for coaches, mentors, peers, or outside experts to provide feedback to teachers and follow-up assistance as they put new concepts into practice?	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
3.	Are teachers taught how to administer and interpret assessments that accompany the program?	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
4.	Is program PD customized to meet participants' varying needs (e.g., first-year teachers, coaches, and principals)?	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	1	
5.	Does the PD provide support (e.g., principal checklists, follow-up, in-class modeling, and a CD for viewing model lessons) to facilitate application of content?	х	Х	Х	х	х	х	х	1	
	TOTAL								5	Publisher's Comments: More customized professional development options are available in the PD brochure at a charge.